DAYES

For ever Memorable,

AND

WORKES

OF

GOD,

In the Yeare Past. 1645.

OR

A Catalogue of the Cities, Castles, Townes, and Forts, that have beene taken by the Parliaments Forces since Ianuary Last unto this present.

At the End whereof is set downe some helpes and directions how wee may render unto the Lord according to all his benefits.

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Memorable *Dayes* and *Workes* of *God* in the *Yeare* past

1645.

January the 10th

ARch-Bishop *Laud* beheaded that Arch-Traytor to Church and State: the Arch-enemy of Godly Ministers, and Godly people: and Arch-Incendiary of the three Kingdomes, since whose Execution (whatever the Cabinet Papers Prognosticated) it hath pleased God wonderfully to prosper our Armies.

January the 11th

Victory at *Culham*, neare *Abingdon*, against Prince *Rupert*, S. *Henry Gage* slaine (the then Governour of *Oxford*) and many others of note. A good Checke to their new Generall.

Victory over *Gerard* in Pembrooke-shire: 900 slaine and taken, beaten againe, at the end of this moneth.

January the 21th

Sir *THOMAS FAIRFAX* Voted our cheife Commander: In the Cabinet Papers reproached as a *Brutish Generall*, but raised and assisted of God to bring downe the wise, and mighty things: A terror to the enemy, and Object of envy to our owne; who are carnall.

Strensham-House taken, and made our Garrison.

February the 2th

Partshall-House taken: two *Iesuites*: Gentlemen.

Shrewsbury Surprized: eight Knights taken, many Officers, 15 Ordnances, 2000 Armes. A Beautifull Towne, and of great consequence, to hinder the enemies Recruits out of *Wales* and otherwise.

Weymouth wholly retaken: 180 slaine, 38 Ordnance taken, 40 Ships, After three weekes labor, and conflicts.

March the 12

Sir *Iames Long* taken, and his whole Regiment, foure hundred horses.

Col. *Holborne* takes horses from *Goring* severall times.

Likewise Sir *William Waller* at the *Devises*.

Great actions of Sir *William Brereton* at Chester: and Major Generall *Browne* at Oxford.

April 14. Rebellion in Kent quickly suppressed.

Refractary troopers there, and elsewhere, quietly and safely reduced to obedience. *A great mercy.*

24 *Blechendon House* taken, 70 Horses 2 or 300 muskets.

Item the Queenes Colours, 400 Horses, 200 prisoners 200 slaine.

26 Col. *Conquest* taken, Major *Bamfield*, 3 Captaines.

At *Whitney* 3 Colors taken, 120 Horses, 10 Officers,

27 At *Bampton bush*, Col. Sir *Henry Vaughan* taken, 2 Lievt Colonels, Major *Lee*, 5 Captaines, 8 Lieut. 8. Ensignes 13 Serjeants.

May 11.

A Plot against the Ile of *Ely*, happily prevented.

Taunton in extremity releived, by the flight of the enemy. A wonderfull mercy, to brave people: great wealth saved.

19 *Evesham* stormed, and taken: 120 Horses, 500 armes.

Gaunt house taken, and made our Garrison.

Iune 10.

Greenhough house taken: with all the Ordnance and Ammunition.

Hougham house taken: 60 Horses: 100 Armes three Captaines.

14 The Glorious Victory at *Naisby*: When the Lord magnified his servant *Fairfax*, and gave an earnest of further

her mercies. Armes taken 9000. Horſes 2000: Priſoners 4540. 12 Ordnance, Letters for diſcovery.

Sundry Knights, and Colonels, brought in afterwards.

18 *Leiceſter* regained, 14 Ordnance, 30 Colors, 2000. Armes. 500 Horſes. 50 Barrels of Powder.

A great mercy. As the loſſe was unexpreſſible.

23 *Caſtles* in Shrop-ſhire rendred: *Caus*, *Stoke*, and *Shrewarden.*

28 *Carlile* rendred: 20 Ordnance. 1000. Armes.

Highworth Garriſon taken: 100 Armes.

Horſes in divers parts taken; 100, 60. 50. 45, 60. or 70,

July 4.

Taunton againe mightily releived.

9 Victory at *Langport.* againſt *Goring.*

10 *More*: Sundry Colonels taken: 2000 Priſoners: 2000 Horſes: 4000 Armes: Colors of Horſe 35. of Foot 21. two great Ordnance, thirty of their Regiments broken. A wide door of hope hereby opened, for recovering the Weſt.

14 *Burroughs* Garriſon taken, and other.

21. 22. *Bridg-water* ſtormed, and taken. *A Mighty Piece.*

Pontefract Caſtle yeelded to the Parliament.

Froome-Canuon taken by ſtorme: of the *Scotts.*

Three ſmal Garriſons *Garriſons* neer *Bridg-water*, quitted.

23 *Raby* Caſtle ſurrendred to the Parliament.

Chadwick houſe taken by the Lyme-men,

25 *Scarborough-Caſtle* Surrendered to the Parliament.

28 *Bathe* Yeelded up to the Parliament 6 Ordnance.

Eightie Horſe of the Kings Life-guard taken.

Aug 3. Clubmen, Leaders taken at *Shaftsbury.* 51.

4 Club-men routed, 2000 Armes taken. 300 men,

Victory

Victory over *Gerard*. and *Haverford-west* taken.

Youghall relieved. *A great mercy*. *Sligo* taken, 150 Horses Sundry *Castles*.

15 *Sherborne Castle* stormed, taken and demolished, In it 16 Ordnance taken, many Officers.

28 *Portshead point* taken, 6 Ordnance 200 Armes.

Sep. Carew & *Mamarby Castles* taken. Nunny *Castle* taken.

11. *Bristoll* Stormed, and surrendred to the Parl. Thinke how great Strength, and Wealth, and what a mercy not easily dived into. *O love the Lord &c.*

13 *Montros* Routed, and *Scotland* revived. *A Wonder! Let the Kingdomes studie thankefulnesse.*

23 *Devizes Castle* taken. 300 armes. Ordnance. And *Lacock house*.

Cardiffe Castle taken. 16 Ordnance. 400 armes.

And *Picton Castle*.

Wales begins now to awake, and grow regular.

24 The Cavaliers routed at *Rowton heath*. 11 Colonels taken. with other Officers: 2000 Horses 1500 Prisoners.

26 *Barkly Castle* stormed, and surrendred to the Parl.

And *Farley Castle* in Somersetshire.

Oct. Sandall Castle yeelded to the Parl.

6 *Winchester Castle* yeelded to the Parliament: with great provisions 7 *Ordnance* 700 Armes.

14 *Bazing-house* taken by storme: with great riches and provisions The Rendivouz of *popery* and wickednesse.

Chepstow and its *Castle* taken: 17 *Ordnance*:

Digby and *Langdale* rowted at *Sherborn* in *Yorkshire*:

600 Horses taken: 5 Colonels, 3 L. Colonels, 7 Captaines

18 *Lankford house* delivered to the Parl.

19 *Tiverton* taken by storme, & strange providence: 4 *Ordnance* 4 *Majors* 7 *Captaines*: 7 *Lieutenants*:

Carmarthen delivered to the Parl, with ordnanee, Armes,

Digby and *Langdale* againe rowted at *Carlile-sands*.

24 *Monmouth*, and its Caſtle delivered to the Parliament 7 *Ordnance*: 300. armes:

Novem. Victory at *Denbigh* 5 or 600 Horſes taken: 400 priſoners:

6 *Boulton Caſtle* delivered to the Parliamet:

Welbeck houſe ſlighted,

10 *Werton houſe* delivered to the Parl.

16 *Beeſton Caſtle* delivered to the Parl.

Dec. 7. *Lathom houſe* delivered to the Parl.

Dec. Fulford houſe in the Weſt taken,

18 *Hereford* taken and in it a 11 Peice of *Ordnance* 200 barrels of powder & the L. Brudenell. 14. Knights, 26. Gent. 4 Levit. Col. 1 Major, 3 Captaines.

Taken in from the enemy an other Garriſon lying Weſt of *Exeter* Called *Callantine-houſe* and therin 30 or 40 horſe and as many priſoners.

Taken in *Skypton Caſtle* 7 peice of ordnance 300 armes 100 horſe and 4 Barrells of powder.

21 *Decem.* 23. Taken from the enemy before *Plymouth Canterbury* work, and have alſo taken St. *Beudeux* Church-yard that was fortified and the Church, in it 92 priſoners 2 Majors 4 Captaines beſides Lieutenants and Enſignes, 55 horſe, powder armes, match, and bullets good ſtore.

Sir *Charles Coote* ſet on a party of the Iriſh that were comming againſt *Slego* ſlew three hundred of them on the place tooke many priſoners, taken 13 Forts and Caſtles from the enemy.

Sir *T. Fairfaxes* forces fell on the enemies quarters in the *Weſt* have taken 400 horſe, 160 priſoners, and 5 colors

With many other, which time would faile to obſerve and illuſtrate. Oh for a compleat hiſtorie, which would ſet forth Gods glory, and theſe Kingdomes happineſſe.

And now *England*, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee but to feare the Lord thy God, to walke in all his waves, and to loue him, and to ſerve the Lord thy God

with all thy heart, and with all thy ſoule- *Deut.* 10. 12.

Meanes to render to the Lord according to all his benefits

1 Be a receiver in the maine: by making *Chriſt* ſure to thy ſoule ſoe to get a full and right title to theſe inferior mercyes: And this will ſweeten every benefit, and life it up high in thy thoughts, ſeing it al comes from ſoe heavenly a ſpring of love: when a ſoule can be thankfull for *Chriſt* firſt, and for other favours in him: when it ſeeth ſalvation, wrought, and applyed, and ſoe takes the cup of ſalvation The heart hereby is marveilouſly warmed & enlarged unto thankfulneſſe and a ſmall mercy elevated, as a pledge of greater. Is it not received in Chriſt, who is the heire of all thing s? Do it not come ſwimming to us in his bloud? And the want hereof is one cheife cauſe of the great unthankfulneſſe we ſee in theſe times: ſome dead and heartleſſe, others groſely p'ophaine, the love of Chriſt would have conſtrained them, and beene ſtronger then death, to doe and ſuffer for him to the vttermoſt: 2 *Cor.* 5. 14 and *Cant.* 8. .6.7.

2 In deepe thoughts ſet together Gods greatneſſe and thy vileneſſe. That ſuch a God ſhould doe ſuch thinges for ſoe wretched and unworthy a creature as thou art. Man would not doe ſoe for a ſtranger, eſpecially for an enemie: Only he that is infinitely good, and free in all he doth, one that workes for his owne ſake, becauſe mercy pleaſeth him yea, he works with delight to do his people good, *Pſ.* 35. 27. he hath pleaſure in the proſperitie of his ſervants, Thus Mary became ſoe thankfull, *Luk.* 1. 48. conſidering the Lord to be mighty, and her ſelfe in a low eſtate, a heart ſpiritually humble is ever a thankfuil heart, As mans worth goeth downe ſoe *Gods* goodneſſe goeth up.

3 Prize and remember the mercies thou receiveſt, It is not the having of mercies that makes one thankfull. but the

eſteeming

eſteeming & magnifying of them as they are, many mercies grow ſtale by the commonneſſe of them: as the Sun that ſhineth dayly, and the Goſpel which is preached plentifully, victories, and deliverances are now adays ordinary matters herefore not duely regarded, He that ſlights my kindneſſe will ſcarſe thanke mee for it, or he that forgets it, ſoe of God and his people, *Pſal.*105.5.*and.*106.13.

4 Put caſe yee wanted ſuch and ſuch mercyes, which for moſt part are beſt ſeene in the want of thē: What miſcheife would it have beene, if the enemy had prevailed at *Naiſby*, and other places? If they had entred into ſoe many of our ſtrong places, which were left? If an arbitrary Goverment had beene erected and thereby a perfect ſlavery? If popery had been introduced, and the Goſpel baniſhed? Sit downe & thinke what a ſad face of things would have now appeared: remember all the way which the Lord thy God hath le thee in theſe heavy times as *Deut.* 8. 2.

5 Pray to be able and willing to render, As thou prayeſt for the increaſe of other graces, ſo pray alſo to be acting & exciting this grace of thankfulneſſe. God, if intreated will enlarge thy heart to runne the way of his Commandements.

6 To prayer add thine own endeavour, Strive and ſtraine to doe this dutie? as *David.*103.1. *Bleſſe the Lord, O my ſoule and all that is within mee, Bleſſe his holy Name Bleſſe the Lord O my ſoule, and forget not all his benefits. Water comes not up without pumping: and wee have dry hearts, there needs an holy violence to be uſed,* as *Mat.*13.12.

7 There needs ſome thought-taking: as *David*, What ſhall I render to the Lord for all his benefits towards mee? *Pſal.*116. 12 *God* ſtudies to doe us good, and waits to be gracious: and that by a counſell from all eternity hath thoughts of peace toward his Church, thoughts of ſupply of deliverance, of turning all to good.

Finis.